

SMITHSONIAN WEEK IN RIVERSIDE



MAY 17 - 19, 2011

This year, Smithsonian Institution Scholars will join Riverside Metropolitan Museum in celebrating its newest exhibition, "Civil War" bringing their special expertise to local elementary schools, high schools, and universities from May 17-19th. During Smithsonian Week, two special guest scholars Dr. Roger Rosentreter and Dr. Tom Crouch will offer presentations in local public schools, at March Air Field Museum and at Riverside Metropolitan Museum.

Mr. Lincoln's Air Force **Civil War Era Balloon Spying**

MAY 17 | 6 - 9 PM

MARCH FIELD AIR MUSEUM

Dr. Tom D. Crouch, Senior Curator in the Division of Aeronautics at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

The American Civil War demonstrated the military value of a host of new technologies, from the telegraph and railroad to submarines, ironclad ships and photography. In this presentation, Tom Crouch will explore the application of one those new technologies and trace the use of observation balloons by both the Union and Confederate armies during the period 1861-1863. The focus will be on T.S.C. Lowe and the creation of an "aeronautic corps," the first military aeronautical unit in American history, which conducted tethered reconnaissance flights in support of Union military operations in several theatres of war.

Plus, Civil War re-enactors and artifacts on display courtesy of the Lincoln Shrine in Redlands.

Billy Yank & Johnny Reb **The Common Soldier in the Civil War**

MAY 19 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

Roger Rosentreter, Professor and Historian
Michigan State University

Whether they wore Yankee blue or Rebel gray, the men and boys who went to war in 1861 were enthusiastic dreamers of glory and easy victory. However, as they became some of America's most legendary soldiers, they also learned that soldiering meant sacrifices and hardships. Through the use of first-hand accounts, as well as soldiers' artifacts, this heavily illustrated, hands-on presentation offers a detailed look at the experiences of the men who fought and died in America's most significant conflict.

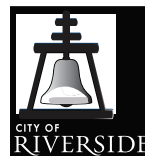
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